

VK2 Notes June 2013

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ARNSW held their AGM on the 20 th April on a very wet Saturday morning. 29 members braved the elements to attend. Highlight of the meeting was the bestowing of Life Membership on Terry Ryeland VK2UX. The members soon dealt with the business to hear guest speaker WIA President Phil Wait VK2ASD. An election was required this year. 154 formal votes were casted resulting in the election of Mark Blackmore VK2XOF; John Harper VK2HRK; Al Hirschel VK2KAM; Mathew Magee VK2YAP; Tim Mills VK2ZTM; Terry Ryeland VK2UX; Julian Sortland VK2YJS; Bob Yorston VK2CAN and Peter Zielinski VK2VG. At a subsequent committee meeting Terry VK2UX was again elected as President. Other office bearer positions are to be found on the ARNSW web site. ARNSW has recently added a clothing and merchandise range which can be viewed on the ARNSW web site on www.arnsw.org.au

In a few days time the annual Oxley Region two day field day is to be held in Port Macquarie on the long weekend, Saturday the 8 th and Sunday the 9th June. The venue is the Tacking Point Surf Lifesaving Club. There is a dinner on Saturday night at the Golf Club. You will find all the details on their web site www.orarc.org or in the May issue of AR on page 40. The club is part way through its Standard course. They are preparing to conduct Foundation and Advanced courses and anyone interested should register by mail to P. O. Box 712 Port Macquarie 2444.

The Blue Mountains ARC held their AGM early in May. The club has advised that it is unlikely that they will be conducting their Winterfest field day which is normally held towards the end of August.. In August however the Summerland ARC out at Richmond Hill, Lismore have their SARCfest. The Manly Warringah RS recently had an interesting lecture on 'MESH Potato' , a little box of tricks using Wi-Fi mesh networks to provide a telephony service in remote communities. MWRS meet informally every Wednesday plus a monthly general meeting. They are located in the 1 st Terrey Hills Guide Hall in Beltana Avenue Terrey Hills. The doors open at 7.30 pm for an 8 pm start. Their local repeater is 6875 and the web site is www.mwrs.org.au

Next month WICEN NSW will be taking part in the 25 th annual Bush Walkers Search and Rescue Nav Shield exercise on the weekend of 6 / 7 th July. Need more contact with NSW WICEN, go to www.nsw.wicen.org.au The Central Coast ARC set up three field stations for the WIA National Field Day in March. HADARC set up an IMD station for the annual event in April. The Illawarra ARS had recent involvement in an ARISS hookup with a local school

as reported in AR last month. Lord Howe Island continues to be a DX destination for every few weeks the ARRL DX News lists activity from the VK9 location.

Westlakes ARC who provide QSL facilities on behalf of the WIA advise changes in postal addresses. The Teralba post office has been closed so Westlakes have had to move to nearby Boolaroo post office. The club postal address is now P. O. Box 5, Boolaroo NSW 2284. The QSL operation is now P. O. Box 66 Boolaroo NSW 2284. The club telephone is 02 4958 1588. Email contact secretary@westlakesarc.org.au Club meeting:- 1 st Saturday of each month at 13.30 hours.

In north west VK2 in the town of Inverell there are a couple of towers that belonged to Reg VK2ATS who is now a Silent Key. The family would like have them removed and are being offered free to anyone with the expertise to remove same. Details available from ARNSW by an email to office@arnsw.org.au 73 – Tim VK2ZTM.